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SUBJECT: FY 1977 COMMERCIAL BUDGET PACKAGE

REF: (A) STATE 177435

(B) STATE A-1304, 2/27/75

(C) PANAMA 0268, 1/15/75

1. RESPONSE TO REF A DELAYED BY ABSENCE COMMERCIAL OFFICER FROM PANAMA, BUT EMBASSY HOPES PANAMA CAN STILL BE INCLUDED IN CONSIDERATION FOR FUNDING BY ARA BUREAU OF LOCAL FAIRS.

2. EARLY THIS YEAR EMBASSY REQUESTED (REF C) \$1000 FOR MARCH 1976 DAVID INTERNATIONAL FAIR. IN ITS RESPONSE (REFB B), DEPARTMENT INDICATED THIS AMOUNT EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE. REF C CONTAINED JUSTIFICATION FOR PARTICIPATION THIS FAIR, AND OUR A-71 (CITED THEREIN) FULLY DESCRIBED THE FAIR AND NATURE OF PARTICIPATION ENVISAGED. FULL NAME OF FAIR IS QUOTE FERIA INTERNACIONAL DE SAN JOSE DE DAVID END QUOTE. IT IS HELD ANNUALLY IN THE CITY OF DAVID DURING THIRD WEEK O MARCH.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT \$1000 WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR MINIMUM APPROPRIATE PRESENCE AT EACH OF 1976 AND 1977 DAVID FAIRS. BUSINESS FIRMS HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TIN PAST TO MAKE CASH CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR LOCALLY-PREPARED EXHIBITS. WE PLAN TO MAE SPECIAL EFFORT TO SECURE THIS AND OTHER PRIVATE SECTOR SUPPORT AT 1976 AND 1977 FAIRS. IF PRIVATE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FORTHCOMING, WE PREFER THEY BE CONSIDERED ADDITIONAL TO \$1000 MINIMUM REQUIRED FOR ADEQUATE EXHIBIT.

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